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News and Notes from the
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FEBRUARY 1984

DECEMBER
TOP 20 TITHES
Received by January 15th
(In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	$1771.35
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX.	1463.82
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	1203.34
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	891.23
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	834.03
MCC San Diego, San Diego, CA	707.77
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA.	658.46
MCC Washington, Washington, DC	631.30
MCC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.	608.09
MCC New York, New York, NY.	598.10
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.	477.37
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX	439.22
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA	428.66
MCC Tampa, Tampa, FL.	418.00
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA.	411.57
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	400.65
MCC Seattle, Seattle, WA	382.61
River City MCC, Sacramento, CA.	362.93
Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ.	298.57
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	283.76

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(Per Capita)

Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	$33.46
MCC San Gabriel Valley, La Puente, CA	27.02
De Colores MCC, Los Angeles, CA	22.91
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	20.46
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA.	20.14
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA	17.50
Morning Star MCC, Worcester, MA	17.26
Divine Redeemer MCC, Glendale, CA	17.22
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	17.12
MCC Rockville, Rockville, MD.	16.56
MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	16.52
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	16.47
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	15.39
MCC Omaha, Omaha, NE	14.28
The Church of New Hope MCC, Waterloo, IA.	14.24
MCC New York, New York, NY.	13.26
Good Shepherd MCC, Sunnymead, CA	13.12
River City MCC, Sacramento, CA.	13.01
Family of God MCC, Morgantown, WV	12.71
Exodus MCC, Abilene, TX	12.48

††† PRAISES!!! †††

** For the safety of the people of MCC Jacksonville after their church was firebombed on January 18th.

** For the first viewing of the rough copy of the TV Special "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story" by the Elders and appointed review committee on February 11th, 1984.

** For Rev. Nancy Radclyffe and the work of Spiritual Life and Clergy Care.

** For King of Peace MCC's new pastor, Rev. Fred Williams and their new building.

** For the meeting with the Elders and leadership of Dignity International - we are close to choosing a date and site for our simultaneous conferences in 1987 - A joint committee will be formed to plan a day of celebration for the two largest religious organizations that touch the lives of Gay and Lesbian people.

** For the Fellowship's new computer and word processor.

** For MCC Philadelphia's success in selling its building for a profit and for new facilities to meet their needs.

** For MCC Richmond's new pastor, Rev. Art Runyan and for new growth in that church.

** For MCC Roseburg, Oregon, who finally was able to secure a public place of worship after being asked to leave their home at a Methodist church.

** For Rev. Nancy Wilson's invitation to give the opening prayer for the Los Angeles City Council in February.

** For Rev. Perry's trip to Australia where he will be the Grand Marshall of the Sydney Mardo Gras (Gay Pride) Parade.

** For all our World Church Extension churches, laity and pastors the world over.

** For Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull's appointment, as one of two open Lesbians, to the Baltimore City Commission on Women by Mayor Schaefer.

Keep Calling or Writing in your Praises!

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FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: All applications for initial licensing or re-licensing as clergy in UFMCC are due *March 1, 1984.* The correct address and phone number for the Credentials Committee is: Rev. Claudia Vierra, Chair CCCC, 1015 E. Jefferson, Boise, Idaho 83712. (208) 386-9588.
(The data above is corrected information from the last issue.)

COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE BOARD OF PENSIONS and the procedure for pension assessments has been sent out by the SLACCC Office. If you have *not* received that information, please notify Rev. Nancy Radclyffe immediately.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

THE COMMISSION ON FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND ORDER, THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS, THE HYMNODY COMMITTEE will be meeting in Kansas City prior to the Clergy Conference (March 19-22).

THE BOARD OF ELDERS will also be meeting the week prior to Clergy Conference. In addition, the Board of Elders will meet with the District Coordinators the morning of March 19th.

MCC JACKSONVILLE UPDATE

REV. DON JOHNSON, pastor of MCC Jacksonville reports that the church is in good spirits after the firebombing of January 18th. The church was firebombed after the airing of the "Phil Donahue Show" which featured Rev. Perry and people from the National Council of Churches and Southern Methodist University. There was considerable smoke damage, and an extensive clean-up is going on. Meanwhile, the 84 member congregation is meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall in Jacksonville. Don reported that "The attitude of the church is strong, and this event has had a unifying influence; the whole Gay and Lesbian community has rallied to our aid." The fire inspector and police departments are still investigating and no one has been apprehended at present.

This past Sunday, Rev. Johnson announced his resignation from the pulpit of MCC Jacksonville for reasons of urgent health demands. Don has had extensive surgery and plans to return to Birmingham, Alabama to be with his family. He wanted the Fellowship especially to understand that his resignation is *not* a result of the firebombing nor of any problems between himself and the Jacksonville Church (which he has served since his return from Sydney, Australia). Don covets our prayers for himself and the Jacksonville Church. His new address will be: Rev. Don Johnson, 2936 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35243.

AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE FOR MINISTRY! Announcing the long-awaited Volume 3 of the Let's Do The Gospel Series, Rev. Michael E. England's much acclaimed booklet, THE BIBLE AND HOMOSEXUALITY. It is available for $3.00 each or $2.25 each for five or more copies (U.S. funds), plus postage for all but prepaid orders. Checks or money orders may be made out to UFMCC or the Department of Christian Social Action and sent to: UFMCC Department of Christian Social Action, Post Office Box 8835, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

REMEMBER WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY on February 12th, 1984. Materials are being sent out from the Fellowship Offices including a poster for your church and a letter from Rev. Elder Jean White. Also, the current issue of JOURNEY magazine focuses on World Church Extension.

KEEPING IN TOUCH APOLOGIES TO: Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA who were accidentally excluded from the Top 20 Amounts list in October. They should have been listed 8th with an amount of $601.04.

ALL CHURCHES MUST NOW PAY SOCIAL SECURITY TAX! A copy of an article by Manfred Holck, Jr. is included with this issue of Keeping In Touch. Holck is a Certified Public Accountant and publisher of *The Clergy Journal.* He is also associate pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Austin, TX.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Corrigan of MCC Ft. Lauderdale for being the winner of the short story contest in the last issue of *JOURNEY!!*

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS AND YOUR CONCERNS with your brothers and sisters. Send the info to Keeping In Touch, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

BECOME INVOLVED in the Network of White People against Racism. To receive materials and to be placed on the mailing list, contact Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, UFMCC Administrative Offices, Los Angeles, California.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Maryanne Mulligan who has given so freely and generously of her time and efforts to the Fellowship Offices for so long. She is our most faithful and dedicated volunteer. Maryanne will be profiled in an upcoming issue of *JOURNEY* Magazine.

A HEARTY "WELCOME ABOARD" to Marie Rapley, the new Assistant Administrator of the Fellowship Offices. She has already demonstrated her ability, diplomacy, tact and has succeeded in this short period of time in winning the high regard of all her coworkers.

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